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The Honorable Gordon Gray
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gordon:

The fact sheet on SOVIET UNION PASSIVE DEFENSE MEASURES, which you sent me on 20 January contains an excellent precis of the condition of the Soviet Civil Defense Program. It does, however, omit specific recognition that the civil defense program is long term development, one which covers at least a ten-year period. Preparation of air raid shelters, for example, has been reported continuously since 1948.

Additional material of higher classification only tends to make more confident the principal propositions outlined in the subject note. Intelligence available on the European Satellite programs also tends to reinforce and, because of the greater volume from this area, to make more explicit the extent of preparations which have probably been undertaken in the USSR.

As you requested, I am returning ACSI's fact sheet herewith. Thanks for letting us see it.

Sincerely,

Bob/1273

Robert Amory, Jr.

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